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ND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 162

Part B for May 1919.

SUBJECT.

Measures to popularize and extend
Village Panchayats.

From Mr. B. Sreenivasa Sanyal, Jodidar & Commissioner
R. A. Select Committee for measures to
popularize and extend Village Panchayats
Letter of 6.3.19.

Submits report of The Committee.

To Mr B. Sreenivasa Sanyal, Jodidar Anika
Rev Commr in Mysore
By Commr of Sts.
Presdt of STB.

W D 1250-GPB-30,000 23-1-19

No R. 114965-82 of 21.5.19

Passes orders on the Select Committee's report
to the following effect:-

- 1). No hard & fast rule is necessary regarding the appointment of the Patel or Shambhogue as Chairman of Village Panchayats.
- (ii) Rules relating to entertainment of EoD issued make it clear that Separate EoD can be entertained by V.Ps only if funds permit.
- (iii). The Govt have sympathy with the proposal to give judicial powers to V.Ps. This question which involves legislation will be considered after the existing provisions work for some time.
- (iv) The question of improving the finances of V.Ps proposals for Village Panchayats based on the recommendations of the Committee will be considered on the merits of each case.
- (v). Govt do not consider it necessary to inculcate the principles of V.P management of local affairs through text books upon school going population.

Mr. K. S. Rao
29/9/69

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(L B)

NOTES.

File No.

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FILE HEADING.

Measures to extend popularise and extend
Village Panchayats

From

Mr B. Srinivasan Iyer Jodi and Carver,
Representative Assembly Select Committee for
measures to popularise and extend Village Panchayats

No.

Dated

16-3-1919

Received

17-3-1919

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forward report of the Committee

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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A copy of the report of the
Special Committee constituted in
G.O. No. G. 12650-710-R.A. + 31-18
-I, dated 27th December 1918 for
the consideration of " Measures to
popularise and extend Village Pan-
chayets " is submitted for perusal.

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25/3/19

Dewan) 2. Sec

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25.3.19.

3. My work up over
some of the supplies
are found

by

26.3.

~~By Secy Secy~~
~~By Secy Secy~~

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me

Rev Secy

27.3.19

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Br III

Sub?

5 May this be given to Mr H.L. K?

Mr H.L. K

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6 yes

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips,
the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on
this form.

me
27/3/19

7 The following notes are
Submitted

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Submitted on the Several Re-
commendations of the Committee.

(i) ~~Chairman~~ ~~Chairman~~ In Sec 51 (2)
Patel or Shaubhoge of the G. R. S. V. P. Reg.
to be appointed Chair. it is said that "a
man of V. P. in Villages
with less than two
population - member of every
V. P. shall ordinarily
be elected to be Chair-
man. The proviso
to the Sec empowers
the Sec. Comm. to appoint
the Chairman from
among the members
in special cases in
which the Chairman
is not elected. &
Whether the class of
V. P.'s referred to by
the Committee may
be treated as special
cases is a point
for orders.

This is not the intention
of the Regu. The Regu.
makes it clear that
the Chairman should be
elected. The proposal
cannot be accepted unless
the Regu. is amended
to that effect. There is no need.
MS

(ii) Establishment.

The V. P.'s are to enter-
tain separate esta-
blishments only if

See Patels
if influential
will be elected
no necessity for
a change
Vib2

See resolution upon
to Villages which have
population less than
1000.
How many such Villages
have been created since
Village Panchayats?

Only 2860 Villages
for which the Sec. Comm.
of V. P.'s have been ordered
abt 436 contain a
population of less than 1000.
Please see sheet attached
for info accordingly to MS
21.11.18

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the rules framed
are sufficient.

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The rules prescribed are
clear in the matter.

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if their funds permit.
(Rule of the rules
published under no.
5251 LBS 6-18-11
of the 8.10.1918)

(iii) Judicial or
quasi judicial
functions to be
exercised by V.P's

The L.B. & V. P. Bill
as originally con-
tained the following
Clause.

"57. Any Village
Panchayat consti-
tuted under this
Regulation may be
invested with all or
any of the powers of
a Village Court,
a Tank Panchayat,
a Village Forest Pan-
chayat under the
respective Regulations."

The Select Com-
mittee of the Legisla-
tive Council who
considered the bill
suggested that, in
order to have effect to
the

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the policy of Govt.
power should be
taken under the
respective regulations
to vest the respective
powers in a Village
Panchayat Consti-
tuted under the
L.B. & V.P. Regn.
The Protective Branch
has to be consulted
as to how the above
question stands at
present.

The Recommendation
of the Committee
may be taken into
consideration after
the ~~Govt~~ Village Courts
Regulation is suitably
amended.

Under Sec 56(e)
of the L.B. & V.P. Regn.
the Village Fund
shall include "all
sums assigned to
the fund by the Govt."

~~this if added may
be done.~~

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The legislative section
will be requested to
expedite the matter,
after which the L.B. & V.P.
Regn. may be amended.

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I need like to avoid
multiplicity of Panchayats
in a village. I need like
to give full powers to
the Panchayat Reg-
ulation which is already
in existence. I need like
to amend the existing
regulation of the Panchayat
Regulation in
itself.

like?

(iv) Finance

A separate note is
under preparation
in respect of this item.

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Whether the income from the items, except 142 does not exist at present, enumerated by the Committee should be made over to the respective V. P. S. The Financial Dept has to be consulted in the matter.

The fines recovered at present under the Village Sanitation Rules, are credited to Dist. Funds in the case of rural areas. The fines collected in Village Panchayat areas may be ordered to be credited to the respective Village Funds.

The rules relating to Village Funds which are about to come
require

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since is sued.

require that the
fund should be
lodged in the Govt
Treasury at the
Taluk Ho Qrs

8. Subd for orders.

JMK

29.3.1919 It separate note on the
under "Finance"
dual items proposed to be made over to
the Panchayats is being prepared and will
be submitted for orders shortly.

10 Subd for perusal & orders

J. R. S. 2)

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& Dewan -

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to vide memo for the same,

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10.4.19

13. Attention is invited to the informa-
tion furnished on page 3. of the memo.

JMK

21.4.1919

Tempo member) It is his demand in line
marked in page 3 -

15. On the order accordingly

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16 Draft order accordingly

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Third member)

18. Draft order as issued

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at the typed
draft in file
before signature

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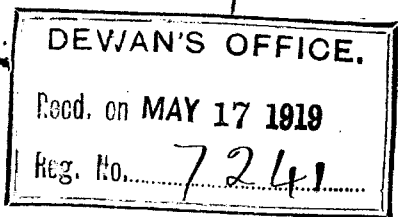
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MK
19.5.19

- 2 To. Mr B. Srinivasanagar, Jodidar, Anant
The Rev Com in Mysore
" Insp. of J. & Gen in Mysore
" at Camp of J. & S.
" at Camp of J. & S. Board.
NO R 14965-822, 21.5.19.

Passes orders on the select
Committee reports to the following
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of V.O's proposals from V.O's based
on the recommendations of the Committee
will be considered on their
case.
- (v) Govt do not consider it necessary to delineate
the principles of V.O. management of
local affairs through text-books upon
the school-going population.

Statement showing the Total Number of Village Panchayats ordered to be constituted in each District.

Sl No	Name of Dist	Total Number of Villages for which Village Panchayats have to be constituted.	Number of Villages, out of those shown in Col 3 containing a population of less than 1000.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
	Bangalore	101	53	
2	Kolar	121	78	
3	Channarayana	71	15	
4	Mysore	220	66	
5	Hassan	112	88	
6	Shimoga	105	70	
7	Kadur	32	16	
8	Chitaldrug	98	48	
	Total	860	436	

AK.
21.4.1919

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
IV
MINORITIES
17 MAR 1919
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From

Mr. B. Srinivasaiengar,
Jodidar and Convener,

Representative Assembly Select Committee for
"Measures to popularise and extend
Village Panchayets", Anekal

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

ENCLOSURE :- /

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the Report of
the Select Committee for "Measures to popularise and extend
Village Panchayets". I beg I may be excused for the delay as it
was due to the fair-copying of the reports.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Srinivasaiengar

Convener,

Representative Assembly Select Committee.

Anekal
Dated 16 March 1919.

Report of the select Committee appointed by in Govern-
ment Order No.G.12650-710/R.A.31-18-1 dated the 27th Decem-
ber 1918, to investigate and submit definite recommendations
on the subject "Measures to popularise and extend Village
Panchayats," held at Mysore on the 22nd March, 1919.

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P R E S E N T.

Mr. B. Srinivasiengar (Convener)

Mr. C. Narasimhavva,

Mr. H. Krishna ~~Murthy~~ *Sastri*

Mr. Herur Gundappa,

Mr. T. Meir Mahomed Sab,

Mr. Huchaveere Gowda,

Mr. Linge Gowda.

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A B S E N T.

Mr. K. Venkateswamiyer.

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Read the following papers:-

(1) Government Order No. ³ 005-55/Ml.132.16-1 dated
the 16th November 1916, regarding the scheme for the
development of Local Self-Government in Mysore.

(2) The Mysore Local Board and Village Panchayats
Regulation *of 1918*

(3) Rules framed under the said Mysore Local Board
and Village Panchayats Regulation.

(4) Madras Government Order No.1410/L. dated the 2nd October 1915, regarding the constitution of Panchayats in Villages for the administration of the local affairs.

(5) The portions dealing with Local Self-Government of the Resolution issued by the Government of Burma in connection with the formation of a scheme of reform for Burma. (Published on pages 61 to 99 in Volume V No. 1, January 1919, of the Local Self-Government Gazette), and

(6) Proceedings of and papers read in the Mysore Local Boards and Municipal Conference of 1915.

After discussing the subject at length, it was unanimously resolved that the following measures are necessary to popularise and extend Village Panchayats system and as such they may be recommend to Government for favourable consideration and sanction.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Constitution.

**not printed*
In the light of the remarks passed by the Burma Local Self-Government Resolution (Extraat^x attached), it is desirable for some time to come to have literate patels or Shanbhogues, where they reside, as Chairman of the Village Panchayats in Villages consisting of a population of less than one thousand. In other important Villages which have a population of more than one thousand the elective system as proposed in the Local Boards Regulation may be adopted now alone.

Establishment.

In all Villages with a population of less than 1000, no expenditure for separate establishment. etc.. except -

except that of stationer, need be incurred for the present the existing Barabaluti agency being utilised for work.

Functions.

Powers to exercise Judicial or quasi Judicial functions may in the first instance be given to those panchayats which has a population of more than 1000 and if successful may be gradually extended to other village panchayats. All the other Panchayats and Committees including Muzrai Committees formed in the Village may be merged in the Village Panchayats

Finance.

Under Clause (e) of Section 56 Mysore Local Board and Village Panchayats Regulations, the following additional sources of income may be given over to the Panchayats.-

- (1) Fines and fees levied and recovered in the exercise of the Panchayats Judicial Functions.
- (2) Income from fishery.
- (3) Sale proceeds of Hulbanni and amarayi.
- (4) Income from markets, fairs, topes and avenue trees.
- (5) Some portion of the income to be derived hereafter from any new mineral resources within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayats.
- (6) As "Panchbab" belonged to the respective villages, before the Excise Department was separately organised, shop-rents, and surcharge fees derived within the limits of local bodies be assigned to the respective local bodies concerned.

Any amount collected either by the villagers as a whole or by a particular community for social or religious purposes

Extract from the Burma Local Self-Government Resolution.
(published in the local self-government gazette Madras Vol V
no 4. pages 68 to 69) ...

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Again, the adoption of the village-tract as the primary unit would involve the abandonment of the present system of appointing the village headman, and the introduction of a purely elective system, so as to constitute him the representative of the villagers. Theoretically this may have much in its favour, but existing conditions must be considered and cannot lightly be disregarded. The Government of Burma has always laid great stress on the fact that the village system is the mainstay of the administration, and in that system, the status of the headman is of fundamental importance. He cannot be regarded simply as the spokesman of the people of his tract. He has been invested with greater powers and responsibilities than are entrusted to any of his compeers in India, and he is far more an executive officer of Government than under any similar in other provinces. Further, every effort has been made to improve his position and to impart a hereditary character to his office. It is true that the wishes of the people are usually consulted before a headman is appointed, but the ultimate choice and the responsibility for his nomination rest with the Deputy Commissioner, and the post is held for life subject only to removal by the Deputy Commissioner for misconduct. Into the merits and demerits of this system it is not necessary to enter here, but the conditions and sentiments engendered by its development must be faced and weighed. The introduction of the election of headmen for a term of years would alter their status vitally, and would emphasise one phase of their activities to

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to the manifest detriment of the other. It is undesirable, in initiating reforms, to court disaster by putting too great a strain on the existing institutions, and it seems better, in the peculiar circumstances of the Province, not to attempt to secure uniformity at the cost of stability by making the appointment of village headmen depend on election by their villagers. The present system of appointing village headmen will therefore remain in force.

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No officials should serve on the Council as their presence would imply a certain measure of control over its deliberations and thereby weaken its feeling of responsibility. Their expert advice can be placed at the disposal of the Council without their being constituted members.

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The entire absence of officials from their membership means that such control as is necessary must be exercised from without, not from within.

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The committees in urban areas will elect their office-bearers from among themselves and membership of the committees will be confined to non-officials. Official intervention which hitherto has been all-pervading, must now be confined within much smaller compass and must be exercised from without so that full scope may be given to the growth of non-official responsibility. Assistance can be rendered from time to time by the loan of Government

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Government officers as experts or executive officials, but capacity can come only by the exercise of responsibility, and it must be recognised that, as in the case of District Councils in rural areas, the mistakes made are the price which the people must inevitably pay for their education in self-government.

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Self-Government in local matters has not the showy appearance or the manifest importance of a share in the higher offices of State, but it is the quarry which must provide the material for the gradual erection of so stately an edifice as a country governed according to the wishes of its people.

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R. A. Committee, proceedings relating to measures to popularise and extend Village Panchayats

Proceedings of the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of

M Y S O R E.

Head-

G.O.No.G.12650-710.R.A.31-18-1

dated 27th December 1918 constituting Special Committees of the Representative Assembly to investigate certain selected subjects of general importance.

3. Letter dated the 16th March 1919 from Mr.B.Srinivasiengar, Jodidar and convener, Representative Assembly selected Committee for "Measures to popularise and extend Village Panchayats", submitting a copy of the proceedings of the Committee.

(Printed as accompaniment)

May this be

- i Printed? Yes.
- ii treated as a standing order? No.
- iii published in the Gazette English part? Yes 24/5/19
- iv translated? No: Yes ✓
- v placed at the disposal of the press? Yes
- vi published in the Gazette Kannada part? Yes 24/5/19

Order - No.

R. 14965-82

Dated, Bangalore, the 21st May 1919.

The recommendations of the Committee are to the following effect:-

(i) Literate Patel or Shanohogue may, for some time to come, be appointed Chairman of the Village Panchayat in Villages containing a population of less than 1000.

(ii) Village Panchayats may be allowed to entertain separate establishments only if their funds permit.

iii) Village Panchayats may be empowered to exercise judicial and quasi-

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quasi-judicial functions.

(iv) Income from fishery, hulbanni, amarayi, Excise shop-rent and surcharge fees and a few other items be assigned to the local bodies concerned.

(v) To educate the younger generation in the advantages of the Village Panchayet system suitable text book may be prescribed in the Village Elementary Schools.

2. As regards the first recommendation Government desire to point out that under section 51 (a) of the Local Boards and Village Panchayets Regulation, the appointment of Chairman of a Village Panchayet can be made only in special cases the general rule being that he should be elected. No hard and fast rules need therefore be made regarding the appointment of the village Patel or Shanbhoj as Chairman

3. The second recommendation is satisfactorily provided for in the rules published under notification No.5251/L.B. 6-28-11 dated the 8th October 1918, which make it clear that a Village Panchayet may entertain a separate establishment only if its funds permit.

4. The Government have every sympathy with the proposal to give judicial powers to panchayets. This however involves legislation. After the existing provisions

work for some time, the question will be considered in the light of the experience gained.

5. The question of ^{improving the} finances of Village Panchayets raised by the Committee is a general one and has much to recommend it, but proposals from Panchayets based on the recommendations now made will be considered on the merits of each case.

6. Government do not consider it necessary to inculcate the principles of Panchayet management of local affairs through text-books upon the school-going population. The adult population in villages have to learn by experience and through the spirit of self-help and co-operation how to establish an efficient village administration. The Government are prepared to help and encourage the movement in every possible manner.

19.5.4
Secretary to Govt.,
Rev. Department.

TO ✓
Mr. B. Srinivasiengar, Jodidar, Anekal.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
~~The Inspector General of Education in Mysore.~~
The Deputy Commissioners of Distts.
The Presidents of Dist. Boards.
~~The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.~~
The Press Table.

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✓ Copy to the Munro Dept. for the subject

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The Govt have engaged
sympathetically with the
people. I am sure you
will pass 10 Panchayats
This house is working
lifesaver. All the
existing Panchayats
will become the
free men in the country
in the light of the
law gained

4. The third recommendation will be noted for separate consideration and orders.

5. The question of finances of Village Panchayats raised by the Committee is under consideration and separate orders will issue in the matter.

6. The last recommendation will be referred to the Inspector-General of Education for suitable action.

(Fair draft) made in the
case of each
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(Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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the people of each
man of local affairs
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the school
the population
adult pop. in village
come to learn by
experience the
spirit of self help
how to improve the
the establishment of
village are the
guaranteed
put in every possible manner.

Mr. B. S. Siengar, Jodidar, Anekal
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Inspector General of Education in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of District
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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.



G. O. No. R. 14965-82—L. B. 101-18-2,
dated 21st May 1919.

Measures to popularise and extend Village Panchayets.

Passes orders on the report of the Special Committee of the Representative
Assembly relating to —

Measures to popularise and extend
Village Panchayets

No. R. 14965-82—L. B. 101-18-2. DATED 21ST MAY 1919

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
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(Printed as an accompaniment.)

Order No. R. 14965-82—L. B. 101-18-2. dated 21st May 1919

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B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept

Tr—Mr. B. Srinivasiengar, Jodidar, Anekal.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Presidents of District Boards.

PRESS TABLE.

Exd.—C. R.

No. R. 14965-82—L. B. 101-18-2, DATED 21ST MAY 1919.

ACCOMPANIMENT.

Report of the Select Committee appointed in Government Order No. G. 12650-710—R. A. 31-18-1, dated the 27th December 1918, to investigate and submit definite recommendations on the subject "Measures to popularise and extend Village Panchayets," held at Mysore on the 2nd March 1919.

PRESENT.

Mr. B. Srinivasiengar (Convener).
 „ C. Narsimhayya.
 „ H. Krishna Sastri.
 „ Herur Gundappa.
 „ T. Meir Mahomed Sab.
 „ Huchaveere Gowda.
 „ Linge Gowda.

ABSENT.

Mr. K. Venkataswamiyer.

Read the following papers :—

- (1) Government Order No. 3005-55—Ml. 132-16-1, dated the 16th November 1916, regarding the scheme for the development of Local Self-Government in Mysore.
- (2) The Mysore Local Board and Village Panchayets Regulation of 1918.
- (3) Rules framed under the said Mysore Local Board and Village Panchayets Regulation.
- (4) Madras Government Order No. 1410—L., dated the 2nd October 1915, regarding the constitution of Panchayets in villages for the administration of local affairs.
- (5) The portions dealing with Local Self Government of the Resolution issued by the Government of Burma in connection with the formation of a scheme of reform for Burma. (Published on pages 61 to 99 in Volume V No. 1, January 1919, of the Local Self-Government Gazette), and
- (6) Proceedings of and papers read in the Mysore Local Boards and Municipal Conference of 1915.

After discussing the subject at length, it was unanimously resolved that the following measures are necessary to popularise and extend Village Panchayets system and as such they may be recommended to Government for favourable consideration and sanction.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Constitution.—In the light of the remarks passed by the Burma Local Self-Government Resolution (*Extract attached), it is desirable for some time to come to have literate patels or shanbhogs, where they reside, as Chairman of the Village Panchayets in villages consisting of a population of less than 1,000. In other important villages which have a population of more than 1,000 the elective system as proposed in the Local Boards Regulation may be adopted now alone.

Establishment.—In all villages with a population of less than 1,000, no expenditure for separate establishment, etc., except that of stationery need be incurred for the present the existing *Barabaluti* agency being utilised for work.

Functions.—Powers to exercise judicial or quasi-judicial functions may in the first instance be given to those Panchayets which have a population of more than 1,000 and if successful may be gradually extended to other Village Panchayets. All the other Panchayets and Committees including Muzrai Committees formed in the village may be merged in the Village Panchayets.

Finance.—Under Clause (e) of Section 56, Mysore Local Board and Village Panchayets Regulations, the following additional sources of income may be given over to the Panchayets:—

- (1) Fines and fees levied and recovered in the exercise of the Panchayets Judicial Functions.
- (2) Income from fishery.
- (3) Sale proceeds of *Hulbanni* and *Amarayi*.
- (4) Income from markets, fairs, topes and avenue trees.
- (5) Some portion of the income to be derived hereafter from any new mineral resources within the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayets.
- (6) As "*Panchbab*" belonged to the respective villages before the Excise Department was separately organised, shop-rents, and surcharge fees derived within the limits of local bodies be assigned to the respective local bodies concerned.

Any amount collected either by the villagers as a whole or by a particular community for social or religious purpose should not form part of the Village Panchayet Fund.

The Village Panchayet Fund may be kept either in the Taluk Savings Bank or in the Co-operative Society of the locality with the approval of the District Board.

General.—To educate the younger generation in the advantages of the Village Panchayet System suitable text-books may be prescribed in the Village Elementary Schools.